

## **Public Policy Committee**

The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council's (ADDPC) Public Policy Committee is responsible for:

- The review and analysis of all public policy issues impacting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- Educating and advocating for the supports and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families

The ADDPC Public Policy Committee will advise on the following practices:

- How local and regional media is utilized and what issues should be highlighted that pertain to current or upcoming legislative action
- What information should be published and in what formats (e.g., op-eds, a letter, blog, press release, policy brief, human interest story, white paper, etc.) that can be widely distributed to constituents and legislators for educational purposes
- How to support and mobilize local advocacy groups to represent the issues of persons with developmental disabilities to local decision-makers and legislators
- How the Council will track and display legislative information (e.g., directly or through partners) and follow through
- How social media should be used to display information on legislative issues that can be accessed by policymakers and legislators
- What messages and strategic relationships with legislative aides and assistants should be established as a conduit for information from the Council
- What affiliations should be developed with like interest organizations to foster collaboration and garner greater attention and credibility when approaching policymakers and legislators on topics impacting persons with developmental disabilities
- Which national organizations with which to collaborate and actively participate as stakeholders to educate the full Council of federal legislation and national issues and trends
- What policy research to undertake to better advocate for and educate the disability community and/or policymakers
- Determine if the Council should host or participate in either community events or trainings that are targeted to addressing policy gaps and also promote positive exposure
- Identify policy gaps or weaknesses that exist among local, state, or federal agencies that create barriers to community inclusion, and work collaboratively with other organization stakeholders and agency staff to address them